Chapter 3 Definitions Training



Instructor Guide

Chapter 3: Definitions

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Follow these guidelines when conducting Definitions Training.

GIVE a detailed description of each inspectable item within the six inspectable areas of Health & Safety, Site, Building Exterior, Building Systems, Common Areas, and Unit by performing the following steps:

- Using the PASS 2.1 software on the DCD, demonstrate the steps used to "look up" the definitions on the screen
- Have participants walkthrough these steps using the PASS 2.1 software on their DCD
- Read the definition
- Explain the definition in more detail; use photos and past experiences to provide more clarification
- Discuss the deficiency rating for the definition (to help clarify when a deficiency should be rated as minor, major, or Severe)

COMPLETE the activities detailed at the end of each definition section with the participants

Definitions Overview



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

- Chapter 3, Overview
- Chapter 3, Definitions Concerns



The purpose is to provide an overview of the REAC definitions.

SHOW slide 3-1. (Objectives)



Objectives



Upon completion of this topic, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of entering consistent and objective data in the PASS 2.1 software
- Access definitions using three different methods
- Understand the effects of deviating from the REAC inspection protocol

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Overview (15 minutes)

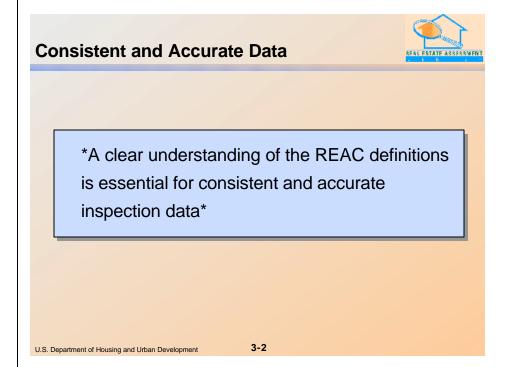
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Overview

SHOW slide 3-2. (Consistent and Accurate Data))





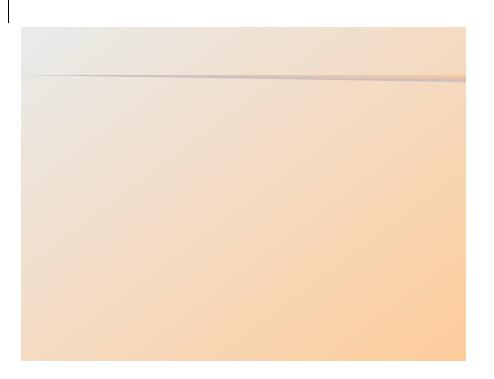


EXPLAIN:

 The importance of fully understanding the definitions and accurately following the protocol in order to obtain consistent and objective inspection results

SHOW slide 3-3. (Accessing Definitions)





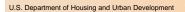
SHOW slide 3-4. (Deficiency Comments)



Deficiency Comments



- Comments required for "Severe" deficiencies
- Comments used to:
 - -Identify location and degree of deficiency
 - Inform HUD offices of required follow-up actions
 - -Help REAC conduct QA reviews
 - -Help Contractor QC improve inspector performance
- Inspectors should:
 - -Use key words to describe nature of deficiency
 - -Specifically describe location of deficiency
 - -Keep comments brief and concise



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REVIEW points on slide

EXPLAIN:

- Comments must be specific enough that the property owner or HUD representative would be able to locate and identify the deficiency at a later date using just the inspector's comments
- Inspectors should not cut and paste the exact definition from the PASS 2.1 software to the *Comments* field. Use keywords to accurately describe the deficiency

Definition Concerns

SHOW slide 3-5. (Definition Variances)



Definition Variances



- Definition Variances alterations to the standard inspection definitions and procedures as defined by the Physical Inspection Protocol
 - -Improper use of the comments field
 - Disregard for REAC definitions
- Definition protocol must be followed in order to maintain REAC's goal of:
 - -providing HUD with consistent, objective, and standardized information about the physical condition of properties

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REVIEW points on slide

EXPLAIN:

- Variances are alterations to the standard procedures and definitions as defined by the Physical Inspection Protocol
- REAC is concerned that inspectors may negatively impact property scores by not following inspection procedures and using REAC approved definitions

SHOW slide 3-6. (Deficiency Explanations)



Improper Use of the Comments Field



- Inspector's role is not to determine the "hows' and "whys" of deficiencies
- Inspectors should not rate deficiencies as "Severe" to gain access to the comment field because
 - -Negatively impacts scoring
 - "Severe" ratings weighted more heavily than "Minor" or "Major" ratings
 - -May cause HUD to take action against the property
- Comments should only be entered to:
 - Indicate the location of the deficiency
 - Describe the deficiency (using keywords from the definitions)



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REVIEW points on slide

EXPLAIN:

- Improper Use of the Comments Field:
 - Overloads the PASS 2.1 software with irrelevant information
 - Hinders goal of objective inspections and may impact property scores
- Inspector's role is to assess the physical condition of the property, not determine why or how deficiencies occurred
- It is important that inspectors do not rate deficiencies as "Severe" just to access the *Comments* field. "Severe" ratings are weighted heavily during scoring and may result in HUD taking action against the property.



DISCUSS what when wrong in Scenario 1:

 By listening to and recording deficiency explanations, Alicia reduced her objectivity. She allowed the property owner's explanation of why the window was broken to cloud her assessment of the damaged windowsill.

INSTRUCT the participants to discuss the following scenario:

Scenario 2:

During his inspection of Chalet Woods, Winston Inspector noticed that the maximum occupancy limit for a unit was being violated. While inspecting the walls, Winston noticed three holes about the size of a baseball. Winston rated the deficiency as "Severe" and indicated the resident occupancy issue in the *Comments* field.

DISCUSS what when wrong in Scenario 2:

 Winston inaccurately rated the deficiency as "Severe" (the hole in the wall was less than 8 ½ " by 11 ½ "). In addition to an inaccurate rating, Winston included irrelevant information about resident occupancy numbers. Resident information is not an inspectable item and should not be assessed during the physical inspection.

SHOW slide 3-8. (Disregard for REAC Definitions)



Disregard for REAC Definitions

- Most common form of definition variance
- Redefining deficiency definitions using personal interpretations
 - Creates discrepancies between inspections done by different inspectors
- Difficult to describe ambiguous concepts in factual and verifiable terms
- Inspectors are required to use REAC definitions



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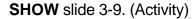


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EXPLAIN:

- Disregard for REAC definitions:
 - Results in discrepancies between inspections conducted by different inspectors. One inspector's definition of a "Major" floor deficiency may not match another inspector's definition.
- The success of the Physical Inspection Process is dependent on gathering standardized, verifiable, and accurate data on the physical condition of HUD properties
 - By using standard definitions, REAC can ensure that all inspectors rate deficiencies according the same criteria

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INSTRUCT participants to write a definition for a Damaged/Deteriorated Trim on a Wall. Be sure to have participants include the criteria for "Minor", "Major", and "Severe" ratings.

PASS 2.1 Software Definition

Damaged/Deteriorated Trim (Walls)

Cove molding, chair rail, base molding or other decorative trim is damaged or has decayed.

Minor: Small areas of deterioration in the trim surfaces. Visual

observations estimate that less than 10% of the wall area

surveyed is affected.

Major: Large areas of deterioration in the trim surfaces. Visual observations estimate that 10% to 50% of the wall area surveyed is affected.

Severe: Significant areas of deterioration in the trim surfaces. Visual observations estimate that more than 50% of the wall area surveyed is affected.

DEBRIEF with the participants. Emphasize the necessity of inspectors to adhere to the REAC definitions in order to maintain the validity and uniformity of the inspection process.

Health and Safety



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

• Chapter 3, Health and Safety

REVIEW Health and Safety definitions as outlined in the introduction to this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Inspectable Item	Notes
2.1 Air Quality	
Mold and/or Mildew Observed	NOTE: Not included on Life Threatening H & S report
Propane/Natural Gas/Methane Gas Detected	
Sewer Odor Detected	

Inspectable Item	Notes
2.2 Electrical Hazards	
Exposed Wires/Open Panels	NOTE: If you can reach in and directly touch circuitry, it should be rated as a deficiency
	NOTE: If a wire is exposed but has wire nuts on it, it should not be assessed as a deficiency
	SHOW photo HS-3
	SHOW photo HS-6
	EXPLAIN this photo is also rated MINOR under COMMON AREAS, BASEMENT/GARAGE/CARPORT, WALLS - DAMAGED and rated SEVERE under COMMON AREAS, OUTLETS/SWITCHES/COVER PLATES, MISSING/BROKEN
Water Leaks on/near Electrical Equipment	NOTE: Example: Dripping leaks onto floor near electrical equipment
2.3 Elevator	
Tripping	NOTE: Not included on Life Threatening H & S report
2.4 Emergency/ Fire Exits	
Emergency/Fire Exits Blocked/Unusable	SHOW photo HS-10
Missing Exit Signs	NOTE: Not included on Life Threatening H & S report

Inspectable Item	Notes
2.5 Flammable Materials	
Improperly Stored	NOTE: Does not address whether flammable material is stored in a metal cabinet
2.6 Garbage and Debris	NOTE: Is assessed because it creates problems with rats, mice, and vermin
• Indoors	SHOW photo HS-14
	SHOW photo HS-15
Outdoors	NOTE: Includes abandoned furniture and furniture piled outdoors
2.7 Handrails	
• Indoors	
Outdoors	
2.8 Hazards	
Other	NOTE: If there is anything you feel you must record as a deficiency it should be recorded here. The inspector must indicate specifically what the deficiency is.
Sharp Edges	NOTE: Barbed wire should not be recorded as sharp edges because it is serving its attended purpose. An exception is when the barbed wire has fallen and a resident or child can be hurt.

Inspectable Item	Notes
Tripping	 NOTE: Cracks in areas of traffic are considered a safety hazard and should be rated as a deficiency SHOW photo HS-31
	EXPLAIN the photo is also rated SEVERE under SITE, GROUNDS, EROSION AREA because the advanced erosion may pose an unsafe pedestrian condition.
	SHOW photo HS-28
	EXPLAIN the photo is also rated SEVERE under SITE, WALKWAYS/STEPS, CRACKS/SETTLEMENT/HEAVING because the damage affects traffic ability.
2.9 Infestation	
Insects	NOTE: Dead insects are cause for a deficiency rating
	SHOW photo HS-39
Rats/Mice/Vermin	



Activity

PASS out Activity 1 to the group

INSTRUCT the group to complete the following steps:

- Review the pictures
- Use the PASS 2.1 software to look up any definitions
- Discuss the deficiency shown in the picture with the group
- Rate the deficiency

REVIEW the answers

Photo #1 HS-11

Inspectable Area: Health and Safety
Inspectable Item: Emergency Fire Exits
Observed Deficiency: Emergency Fire Exits
Blocked/Unusable (chairs)

Photo #2 HS-26

Inspectable Area: Health and Safety

Inspectable Item: Hazards
Observed Deficiency: Tripping

Site



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

• Chapter 3, Site

REVIEW Site definitions as outlined in the introduction to this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Inspectable Item	Notes
3.1 Fencing and Retaining Walls	NOTE: A perimeter fence (one surrounding the property) has a higher priority than a fence that a resident may install (around a patio, for example)
	SHOW photo S-10
	EXPLAIN photo shows No Observed Deficiency
Damaged or Missing Gates	
Damaged/Falling/ Leaning	SHOW photo S-7
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the fence shows signs of deterioration, but still serves its designed purpose and presents no security or safety risk
Holes	

Missing Sections

NOTE: If a section of fence is missing due to erosion, it should be classified as a hole or erosion

Inspectable Item	Notes
3.2 Grounds	
Erosion Areas	SHOW photo S-15
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the erosion is advanced and renders the grounds unusable. This automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
	SHOW photo S-19
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because it creates an unsafe pedestrian condition. This automatically generates a Health and Safety concern.
	SHOW photo S-31
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because of the potential failure of the building foundation. This automatically generates a Health and Safety concern.
	EXPLAIN the deficiency is also rated as MAJOR under Market Appeal, Litter
Overgrown/Penetrating	SHOW photo S-22
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the tree is in contact with the building
	SHOW photo S-23
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the tree is in contact with the building

Inspectable Item	Notes
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Ponding/ Site Drainage	NOTE: Ponding on parking lots/driveways should not be entered here (weighting may be different for the ponding on grounds versus the ponding on parking lots/driveways)
	SHOW photo S-25
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because water accumulation has affected the use of a section of the grounds that is normally usable and is between 3" and 5" in depth
	SHOW photo S-29
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the accumulation of water is shallow (less than 3 inches)
Rutting	NOTE: Rutting is intended to cover conditions in which people drive their cars onto the grounds. It is not sunken in land as a result of other reasons, such as backfill around a sewer line.
	NOTE: Rutting is man-made, while erosion is nature-made
3.3 Lighting	
Broken Fixtures	
Missing/Broken Bulbs	

Inspectable Item	Notes
3.4 Mailboxes/Project Signs	NOTE: Post office takes care of blue mailboxes on the street; mailboxes on the building or site are taken care of by the property
	NOTE: If one person can not get mail, it should be rated as Severe
	NOTE: Mailboxes can not and must not be asked to be opened
Mailbox Missing/Damaged	SHOW photo S-36
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because at least one mailbox is missing
Signs Missing/Damaged	NOTE: Those properties that do not and never had signs should not be assessed for them
	NOTE: Numbered signs, as in Unit 234, do not need to be assessed
3.5 Market Appeal	
Graffiti	
• Litter	NOTE: Only includes litter on the property
	SHOW photo S-42
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR

Inspectable Item	Notes
3.6 Parking Lots/Driveways/Roads	
Cracks	SHOW photo S-43
	EXPLAIN the photo shows No Observed Deficiency because the crack in the road has been repaired (crack is in lower left corner).
	NOTE: A crack that has settled or heaved ¾ inch should be recorded under Health and Safety, Hazards, Tripping hazard
Ponding	
Potholes/Loose Material	SHOW photo S-47
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the damage has exposed the subsurface, but the road is still passable
Settlement/Heaving	
3.7 Play Areas and Equipment	NOTE: Only include items which are owned by or the responsibility of the property owner
	NOTE: Safety hazards other than sharp edges should be rated as Health and Safety, Hazards, Other
Damaged/Broken Equipment	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Deteriorated Play Area Surface	 SHOW photo S-79 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the deterioration is between 10% and 50% of the total play area surface EXPLAIN the photo contains multiple deficiencies and should also be rated as SEVERE under DAMAGED/BROKEN EQUIPMENT because the damaged slide poses a risk to children; and as HEALTH AND SAFETY, HAZARDS, TRIPPING
3.8 Refuse Disposal	NOTE: Includes large garbage cans NOTE: Slabs should be recorded under Parking Lots/Roads, not under Refuse Disposal
Broken/Damaged Enclosure	 SHOW photo S-54 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the wall of the enclosure is missing SHOW photo S-55 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the wall has missing components
Inadequate Outside Storage Space	SHOW photo S-57 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the trash cannot be stored in the designated area due to under-capacity of refuse storage
3.9 Storm Drainage	
Damaged/Broken/Cracked	
Debris/Obstruction/Sediment	

Inspectable Item	Notes
3.10 Walkways/Steps	
Cracks/Settlement/Heaving	NOTE: Stairs separating from the building is NOT considered heaving.
	SHOW photo S-64
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because it affects traffic ability
	EXPLAIN photo is also rated under HEALTH AND SAFETY, HAZARDS, TRIPPING
Broken/Missing Hand Railing	SHOW photo S-59
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
	SHOW photo S-62
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
Spalling	SHOW photo S-70
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the area is greater than 4" X 4" and affects traffic ability



Activity

PASS out Activity 2 to the group

INSTRUCT the group to complete the following steps:

- Review the pictures
- Use the PASS 2.1 software to look up any definitions
- Discuss the deficiency shown in the picture with the group
- Rate the deficiency

REVIEW the answers

Photo #1 S-46

Inspectable Area: Site

Inspectable Item: Parking Lots/Driveways/Roads Observed Deficiency: Potholes/Loose Materials

Rating: Major

Photo #2 S-63

Inspectable Area: Site

Inspectable Item: Walkways/Steps

Observed Deficiency: Cracks/Settlement/Heaving

Rating: Severe

Photo #3 S-45

Inspectable Area: Site

Inspectable Item: Parking Lots/Driveways/Roads

Observed Deficiency: Ponding

Rating: Major

Building Exterior



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

• Chapter 3, Building Exterior

REVIEW Building Exterior definitions as outlined in the introduction to this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Inspectable Item	Notes
4.1 Doors	NOTE: An exterior door is one that leads to the outside of the building from the inside or to the inside of the building from the outside; a unit door is one that leads from inside the unit to other areas inside the building
Broken/Missing Glazing/Glass	
Damaged Frames/Threshold/Lintels/Trim	
Damaged Hardware/Locks	
Damaged Surface (Holes/Paint/Rusting)	
Damaged/Missing Screen/Storm/Security Door	
Deteriorated/Missing Caulking/Seals	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Missing Door	SHOW photo BE-4
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because any missing Building Exterior door constitutes a severe condition. It automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
4.2 Fire Escapes	
Blocked Egress/Ladders	
Visibly Missing Components	
4.3 Foundations	
Cracks/Gaps	
Spalling/Exposed Rebar	
4.4 Lighting	NOTE: Does not include lighting on the building that is lighting the Site or lights turned on from inside (which are rated under Unit).
Broken Fixtures	NOTE: Broken means no light coming from the fixture; a broken globe is not a deficiency if there is light from the fixture
	NOTE: Sharp edges should be recorded under Health and Safety, Hazards, Sharp Edges

Inspectable Item	Notes
Missing/Broken Bulbs	NOTE: Sharp edges should be recorded under Health and Safety, Hazards, Sharp Edges
	NOTE: More than 10% of the bulbs need to be missing/broken for there to be a deficiency
4.5 Roofs	
Damaged/Clogged Drains	Does not include debris around the drain if water can go through the drain
Damaged Soffits/Fascia	SHOW photo BE-8 and BE-9 together
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because there are no obvious opportunities for water penetration
Damaged Vents	
Damaged/Torn Membrane/Missing Ballast	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Missing/Damaged Components from Downspout/Gutter	 NOTE: Does not include drains on a flat roof NOTE: If a splashblock is not aligned, it must be assessed SHOW photo BE-11 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because there is visible damage to the roof
	 SHOW photo BE-34 EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE because drainage system components are visibly missing EXPLAIN the photo contains multiple deficiencies and should also be rated as MINOR under BUILDING EXTERIOR, WALLS, STAINED/PEELING/NEEDS PAINT because less than 50% of the wall is affected.
	 SHOW photo BE-35 EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE because drainage system components are visibly missing
Missing/Damaged Shingles	
Ponding (Roofs)	NOTE: Ponding addresses conditions in which water stays on the roof for extended periods of time and/or ruins the roof
4.6 Walls	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Cracks/Gaps	 NOTE: Hairline cracks are not a deficiency NOTE: Stucco shrinkage is not a deficiency SHOW photo BE-44 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because there are large gaps visibly estimated to exceed 3/8 inch in width/depth, possibly indicating a serious structural problem
Damaged Chimneys	
Missing Pieces/Holes/Spalling	 SHOW photo BE-58 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because more than a few bricks are missing. EXPLAIN that this photo is also rated as MINOR under BUILDING EXTERIOR, DOORS, and DAMAGED SURFACE because this is the only door with any damage. SHOW photo BE-69 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE
Missing/Damaged Caulking/Mortar	NOTE: Masonry units include concrete block, brick, etc.
Stained/Peeling/Needs Paint	 SHOW photo BE-73 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the damage affects less than 50% of the building exterior walls SHOW photo BE-74 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the damage affects less than 50% of the building exterior walls

Inspectable Item	Notes
4.7 Windows	NOTE: Be sure not to rate the same window under building and unit
	NOTE: Boarded up windows are not assessed unless the apartment is lived in
Broken/Missing/ Cracked Panes	NOTE: Example: A double pane window with the outer pane broken should not be recorded if above the ground floor
Damaged/Missing Screens	NOTE: Example of a damaged screen: Grasshoppers ate through the screen
Damaged Sills/Frames/Lintels/ Trim	
Missing/Deteriorated Caulking/Glazing Compound	SHOW photo BE-76
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the deteriorated caulk is confined to small areas with no evidence of damage to the window and/or surrounding structure
	EXPLAIN the photo should also be rated as MINOR under BUILDING EXTERIOR, WALLS, CRACKS/GAPS because the damage is less than 1/8" in depth/width.
Peeling/Needs Paint	NOTE: Aluminum, anodized windows are not included
	SHOW photo BE-84
	EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as MINOR

Inspectable Item	Notes
Security Bars Prevent Egress	NOTE: There must be one exit for every room: An exit includes a door to the outside, a window, or any other way that residents can get out of the unit to the outside
	NOTE: Padlocks count as blocked exits. The excuse "resident has the key" is not acceptable
	SHOW photo BE-92
	EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern
	SHOW photo BE-94
	EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern



Activity

PASS out Activity 3 to the group

INSTRUCT the group to complete the following steps:

- Review the pictures
- Use the PASS 2.1 software to look up any definitions
- Discuss the deficiency shown in the picture with the group
- Rate the deficiency

REVIEW the answers

• Photo #1 BE-10

Inspectable Area: Building Exterior

Inspectable Item: Roofs

Observed Deficiency: Damaged Soffits/Fascia

Rating: Severe

Photo #2 BE-25

Inspectable Area: Building Exterior

Inspectable Item: Roofs

Observed Deficiency: Missing Damaged Components

from Downspout /Gutter

Rating: Severe

• Photo #3 BE-87

Inspectable Area: Building Exterior

Inspectable Item: Windows

Observed Deficiency: Peeling/Needs Paint

Rating: Minor



PASS out homework assignment #1

INSTRUCT participants to complete homework for the following class day

REVIEW homework with class the morning the homework is due (Refer to homework packet for answer key)

Building Systems



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

• Chapter 3, Building Systems

REVIEW Building Systems definitions as outlined in the introduction to this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Inspectable Item	Notes
5.1 Domestic Water	
Central Hot Water Supply Inoperable	
Leaking Central Water Supply	
Misaligned Ventilation System	
Missing Pressure Relief Valve	
Rust/Corrosion on Heater Chimney	
Rust/Corrosion - Central Water Components	
Water Supply Inoperable	NOTE: If water supply is unavailable, it is inoperable

Inspectable Item	Notes
5.2 Electrical System	
Blocked Access/Improper Storage	NOTE: Examples: 5 gallons of paint thinner in front of an electrical panel
Burnt Breakers	
Evidence of Leaks/Corrosion	NOTE: Do not include surface rust if it does not affect electrical enclosure
Frayed Wiring	
Missing Breakers	NOTE: Openings must be covered with an appropriate covering (not duct tape or aluminum foil)
	SHOW photo BS-5
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety; this is a deficiency because aluminum foil does not constitute adequate coverage for missing breakers.
Missing Covers	NOTE: Telephone boxes should not be assessed because they are low voltage
	SHOW photo BS-10
	EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern
5.3 Elevators	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Not Operable	NOTE: If the elevator is operable, but there is no working light in it, it should be covered under Health and Safety, Hazards, Other
	SHOW photo BS-11
	EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
5.4 Emergency Power	
Auxiliary Lighting Inoperable	
Run-Up Records/ Documentation Not Available	NOTE: If the property owner says they have the records on their computer, ask to see their computer
	NOTE: If the project owner has proof of a service that maintains the generators, the item should be marked as NOD
5.5 Exhaust System	
Roof Exhaust Fans Inoperable	
5.6 Fire Protection	
Missing Sprinkler Head	NOTE: Anything that interferes with the spray head is considered blocking
	NOTE: Sprinklers in range hoods, if installed, should be assessed

Inspectable Item	Notes
Missing/Damaged/Expired Extinguishers	WAR STORY: A NYC fire breakout occurred where the sprinklers did not go off because the water had been turned off and the fire fighters could not fight the fire because the hoses were missing from the fire extinguishers - 6 people died SHOW photo BS-12
	EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern
5.7 HVAC	
Boiler/Pump Leaks	
Fuel Supply Leaks	NOTE: This includes the fuel pump
Gas Fired Unit— Missing/Misaligned Chimney	SHOW photo BS-13 EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern
General Rust/Corrosion	

Inspectable Item	Notes
5.8 Sanitary System	
Broken/Leaking/Clogged Pipes or Drains	 SHOW photo BS-15 EXPLAIN this deficiency is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Health and Safety concern SHOW photo BS-16 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
Missing Drain/Cleanout/ Manhole Covers	NOTE: Even if the manhole is owned by the city, it must be assessed to reduce liability

Common Areas



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

• Chapter 3, Common Areas

REVIEW Common Areas definitions as outlined in the introduction to this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Inspectable Item	Notes
6.1 Definitions included in all Common Areas (excluding Pools and Related Structures, and Trash Collection Areas)	
Ceiling - Bulging/Buckling	
Ceiling – Holes/Missing Tiles/Panels/Cracks	NOTE: If a hole in the ceiling allows you to see through into an attic, do not address as Severe
	 SHOW photo CA-18 EXPLAIN this deficiency is seen in the HALLS/CORRIDORS/STAIRS and is rated as MAJOR because the hole is visually estimated to be larger than a sheet of paper (8 1/2 x 11 inches) but does not fully penetrate into the area above (cannot see through it)
Ceiling – Needs Paint	
Ceiling – Water Stains/Water Damage/Mold/Mildew	SHOW photo CA-24 EXPLAIN this deficiency is seen in the LAUNDRY ROOM and is rated as MAJOR because between that 10% to 50% of the ceiling area has minor damage. This should be rated the same way under WALLS.
Doors – Broken/Missing Glazing/Glass	
Doors – Damaged Frames/Thresholds/Lintels/ Trim	SHOW photo CA-27 EXPLAIN this deficiency is seen in the LOBBY and is rated as SEVERE because although the damage is minor, it is an entry door and therefore automatically rated severe

Inspectable Item	Notes
Doors – Damaged Hardware/Locks	
Doors – Damaged Surface (Holes/ Paint/Rusting)	NOTE: An entry door in a common area should be rated as Severe if it has a damaged surface
Doors - Damaged/Missing Screen/Storm/Security Door	
Doors –Deteriorated/Missing Seals	
Doors - Missing Door	
Electrical - Blocked Access to Electrical Panel	
Electrical - Burnt Breakers	
Electrical - Evidence of Leaks/Corrosion	
Electrical - Frayed Wiring	
Electrical - Missing Breakers	
Electrical - Missing Covers	
Floors – Bulging/Buckling	NOTE: Floors that are missing nails are not considered to be bulging or buckling
Floors – Floor Covering Damage	NOTE: If there are floor coverings, they must be assessed, no matter who put the covering down
Floors – Missing Flooring	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Floors –Needs Paint	NOTE: Does not apply to hardwood floor finishes
Floors –Rot/Deteriorated Subfloor	
Floors – Water Stains/Water Damage/Mold/Mildew	SHOW photo CA-5 EXPLAIN this deficiency is seen in the BASEMENT/GARAGE/CARPORT and is rated as SEVERE because visual observations estimate that a large portion (more than 10%) of the floor has been exposed to substantial saturation or damage due to water, mold, or mildew
Lighting - Missing/ Inoperable Fixture	
Outlets/Switches/ Cover Plates Missing or Broken	
Smoke Detector - Missing/Inoperable	
 Stairs – Broken/Damaged/ Missing Steps 	
Stairs – Broken/Missing Hand Railing	
Walls – Bulging/Buckling	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Walls – Damaged	 SHOW photo CA-10 EXPLAIN this deficiency is seen in the BASEMENT/GARAGE/CARPORT shown is rated as MINOR because the damage is less than 81/2" by 11". EXPLAIN this photo is also rated SEVERE under COMMON AREAS, BASEMENT/GARAGE/CARPORT, OUTLETS/SWITCHES-COVER PLATES-MISSING/BROKEN and HEALTH AND SAFETY, ELECTRICAL HAZARDS, EXPOSED WIRES/OPEN PANELS
Walls – Damaged/ Deteriorated Trim	
Walls –Needs Paint	
Walls - Missing Pieces/Holes/Spalling	
Walls – Water Stains/Water Damage/Mold/Mildew	
Windows – Cracked/Broken/ Missing Panes	
Windows – Damaged Window Sill	
Windows - Deteriorated/Missing Caulking/Seals	
Windows - Inoperable/Not Lockable	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Windows - Peeling/Needs Paint	
Windows – Security Bars Prevent Egress	
6.2 Basement/Garage/ Carport	
6.3 Closet/Utility/Mechanical	
6.4 Community Room	
HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	
HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
HVAC - Inoperable	
HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	
HVAC - Rusted/Corroded	
6.5 Day Care	
HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	

	Inspectable Item	Notes
•	HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
•	HVAC - Inoperable	
•	HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	
•	HVAC - Rusted/Corroded	
6.6	S Halls/Corridors/Stairs	
•	Graffiti	
•	HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	
•	HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
•	HVAC - Inoperable	
•	HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	
•	HVAC - Rusted/Corroded	
•	Mailbox Missing/Damaged	
6.7	7 Kitchen	
•	Cabinets -Missing/ Damaged	
•	Countertops -Missing/ Damaged	

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Inspectable Item	Notes
Dishwasher/Garbage Disposal Damaged/Inoperable	
Exhaust System - Excessive Grease/Inoperable	
GFI - Inoperable	NOTE: GFI must be present to be rated. GFI's are often not in kitchens due to local code changes. If GFI is present, use the button to see if it is working.
Plumbing - Clogged Drains	
Plumbing - Leaking Faucet/Pipes	
Range Hoods/Exhaust Fans - Excessive Grease/Inoperable	
Range/Stove - Missing/Damaged/Inoperable	NOTE: Many ranges have electronic igniters, not pilot lights, which if turned too far, won't ignite. Inspectors should listen for the "tick, tick, tick."
Refrigerator - Missing/Damaged/Inoperable	
Sink - Damaged/Missing	
6.8 Laundry Room	
Dryer Vent Missing/Damaged/Inoperable	NOTE: Inspectors must check for lint; if lint is visible, it should be rated
GFI - Inoperable	
HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	

Inspectable Item	Notes
HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
HVAC - Inoperable	
HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	
HVAC - Rusted/Corroded	
6.9 Lobby, Office, Other Community Spaces	NOTE: Other community spaces are all spaces that don't fit other categories of common areas. Examples include: maintenance rooms, commercial areas, study rooms, etc. All are collectively one inspectable item.
HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	
HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
HVAC - Inoperable	
HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	
HVAC - Rusted/Corroded	
6.10 Patio/Porch/Balcony	
Baluster/Side Railings Damaged	NOTE: Includes those around balconies/decks

Inspectable Item	Notes
6.11 Pools and Related Structures	NOTE: Does not include locker rooms (which are addressed under Restrooms/Pool Structures)
Fencing - Damaged/Not Intact	NOTE: Outdoor fence surrounding and protecting the pool
Pool - Not Operational	
6.12 Restrooms/Pool Structures	NOTE: This includes all Common Area restrooms
GFI - Inoperable	
HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	
HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
HVAC - Inoperable	
HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	

HVAC - Rusted/Corroded

Inspectable Item	Notes
Restroom Cabinet - Damaged/Missing	
Shower/Tub - Damaged/Missing	
Ventilation/Exhaust System - Inoperable	
Water Closet/Toilet - Damaged/Clogged/Missing	
6.13 Storage	
HVAC - Convection/Radiant Heat System Covers	
HVAC - Gas Fired Unit - Missing/Misaligned Chimney	
HVAC - Inoperable	
HVAC - Noisy/Vibrating/ Leaking	
HVAC - Rusted/Corroded	
6.14 Trash Collection Areas	
Chutes - Damaged/Missing Components	



Activity

PASS out Activity 4 to the group

INSTRUCT the group to complete the following steps:

- Review the pictures
- Use the PASS 2.1 software to look up any definitions
- Discuss the deficiency shown in the picture with the group
- Rate the deficiency

REVIEW the answers

Photo #1 CA-13

Inspectable Area: Common Area Inspectable Item: Community Room

Observed Deficiency: Doors - Missing Door

Rating: Severe Photo #2 CA-28

Inspectable Area: Common Area

Inspectable Item: Lobby

Observed Deficiency: Smoke Detector -

Missing/Inoperable

Rating: Severe (automatically generates a Life

Threatening Health and Safety concern)

Photo #3 CA-30

Inspectable Area: Common Area

Inspectable Item: Office

Observed Deficiency: Doors - Damaged

Hardware/Locks Rating: Severe

Unit



REFER participants to the relevant sections of the following documents:

Participant Guide

• Chapter 3, Unit

REVIEW Unit definitions as outlined in the introduction to this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Inspectable Item	Notes
7.1 Bathroom	
Bathroom Cabinets—	SHOW photo U-3
Damaged/Missing	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the cabinet has damaged shelves and doors, but is still usable
Lavatory Sink— Damaga d/Missing	SHOW photo U-5
Damaged/Missing	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the sink is still usable
Plumbing—Clogged Drains	
Plumbing—Leaking Faucet/Pipes	
Shower/Tub— Damaged/Missing	
Ventilation/Exhaust System—	SHOW photo U-8
Inoperable	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE

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Inspectable Item	Notes
Water Closet - Damaged/ Clogged/Missing	 SHOW photo U-9 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the cover is damaged SHOW photo U-10 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the cover is damaged
7.2 Call-for-Aid	
Inoperable	NOTE: Do not check the Call-for Aid (by pushing the button) if connected to the fire department - ask the resident if the button works
7.3 Ceiling	
Bulging/Buckling	
Holes/Missing Tiles/Panels	SHOW photo U-14
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the hole is visually estimated to be larger than a sheet of paper (81/2 x 11 inches) but does not fully penetrate into the unit above (cannot see through it)
	SHOW photo U-18
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the hole penetrates into the unit above
Needs Paint	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Water Stains/Water Damage/Mold/Mildew	 SHOW photo U-20 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the damage exists over a small area (less than 4 sq. ft.)
7.4 Doors	
Broken/Missing Glazing/Glass	
Damaged	SHOW photo U-51
Frames/Threshold/Lintels/Trim	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the damage is to a single door and does not hinder door operation
	EXPLAIN this photo is also rated SEVERE under UNIT, OUTLETS/SWITCHES, MISSING/BROKEN COVER PLATES and automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
Damaged Hardware/Locks	SHOW photo U-44
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the door is rendered unlockable
	EXPLAIN the photo is also rated as SEVERE under UNIT, DOORS, DAMAGED SURFACE because although the damage is minor, the door is a bathroom door and therefore automatically rated severe (Holes/Paint/Rusting)
Damaged Surface	SHOW photo U-45
(Holes/Paint/Rusting)	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the hole is larger than 1 inch in diameter

Inspectable Item	Notes
Damaged/Missing Screen/Storm/Security Door	NOTE: Major and Severe ratings only apply to security doors
	SHOW photo U-47
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because only one screen door is missing
Deteriorated/Missing Seals (Entry Only)	SHOW photo U-49
(Entry Only)	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE
Missing Door	
7.5 Electrical System	
Blocked Access to Electrical Panel	
Burnt Breakers	
Evidence of Leaks/Corrosion	
Frayed Wiring	
GFI Inoperable	
Missing Breakers	
Missing Covers	NOTE: Not rated for low-voltage boxes such as telephone, cable

Inspectable Item	Notes
7.6 Floors	
Bulging/Buckling	
Floor Covering Damage	 SHOW photo U-58 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because less than 10% of the floor area is affected and it does not present a safety hazard SHOW photo U-59 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE
Missing Flooring	 SHOW photo U-60 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because 10% to 50% of the floors have missing tiles
Needs Paint	
Rot/Deteriorated Subfloor	
Water Stains/Water Damage/Mold/Mildew	
7.7 Hot Water Heater	
Gas Fired Unit— Missing/Misaligned Chimney	NOTE: If the chimney is bent or smashed, it should be assessed as misaligned; also includes oil, diesel, kerosene

Inspectable Item	Notes

Inoperable Unit/Components

Inspectable Item	Notes
7.9 Kitchen	
Cabinets—Missing/Damaged	SHOW photo U-70
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because up to 50% cabinets are missing/damaged
Countertops— Missing/Damaged	SHOW photo U-79
Missing/Damaged	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the surface shows advanced stage of deterioration
Dishwasher/Garbage Disposal Damaged/Inoperable	
Plumbing—Clogged Drains	
Plumbing—Leaking Faucets/Pipes	SHOW photo U-81
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the leak/drip is contained by pipes. Faucet is usable
Range Hoods/Exhaust Fans— Excessive Grease/Inoperable	

Inspectable Item	Notes
Range/Stove—Missing/ Damaged/Inoperable	 SHOW photo U-85 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the range/stove is inoperable (missing knobs) SHOW photo U-86 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the range is missing burners and is inoperable SHOW photo U-87
Defrice vetex Mineio v/	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the burners are damaged and the range is inoperable
Refrigerator - Missing/ Damaged/Inoperable	 SHOW photo U-89 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MINOR because the refrigerator is damaged but still operational
Sink—Missing/Damaged	SHOW photo U-91 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the sink hardware is missing and the sink does not work. This automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
7.10 Lighting	
Missing/Inoperable Fixture	

Inspectable Item	Notes
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7.11 Outlets/Switches	
Missing	NOTE: If the outlet was never there, it is not missing
Missing/Broken Cover Plates	SHOW photo U-102
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE
	because the cover plate is missing and it automatically generates a Health and Safety concern
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7.12 Patio/Porch/Balcony	
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 Baluster/Side Railings Damaged 	SHOW photo U-104
	EXPLAIN the photo shows No Observed Deficiency Associated the resource of the resourc
	because there currently is no spalling deficiency for Patio/Porch/Balcony
	SHOW photo U-103
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE
	and automatically generates a Health and Safety
	concern
7.13 Smoke Detector	

Inspectable Item	Notes
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Missing/Insperable	
Missing/Inoperable	SHOW photo U-108
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern
	SHOW photo U-112
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE and automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern
7.14 Stairs	
Broken/Damaged/Missing Steps	
Broken/Missing Hand Railing	
7.15 Walls	
Bulging/Buckling	

Inspectable Item	Notes
• Damaged	SHOW photo U-118
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the damage is greater than 81/2" x 11" but does not penetrate into the adjoining space
	SHOW photo U-122
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the damage is greater than 81/2" x 11" but does not penetrate into the adjoining space
	SHOW photo U-124
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the crack is larger than 1/8" wide and smaller than 11" long
	SHOW photo U-125
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the damage is greater than 81/2" x 11" but does not penetrate into the adjoining space
	SHOW photo U-126
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the hole penetrates into the adjoining room
Damaged/Deteriorated Trim	
Needs Paint	SHOW photo U-132
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the area affected is greater than 4 square feet
Water Stains/Water Damage/Mold/Mildew	SHOW photo U-136
	EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as MAJOR because the damage exists over a large area (visually estimated at more than 4 sq. ft.)

Inspectable Item	Notes
7.16 Windows	
Cracked/Broken/Missing Panes	 SHOW photo U-145 EXPLAIN the deficiency shown is rated as SEVERE because the windowpane is broken. This automatically generates a Health and Safety concern. EXPLAIN the photo is also rated SEVERE under UNIT, WINDOWS, SECURITY BARS PREVENT EGRESS This automatically generates a Life Threatening Health and Safety concern.
Damaged Window Sill	Threatening Fleath and Safety Consern.
Deteriorated/Missing Caulking/Seals	
Inoperable/Not Lockable	
Peeling/Needs Paint	
Security Bars Prevent Egress	



PASS out Activity 5 to the group

INSTRUCT the group to complete the following steps:

- Review the pictures
- Use the PASS 2.1 software to look up any definitions
- Discuss the deficiency shown in the picture with the group
- Rate the deficiency

REVIEW the answers

Photo #1 U-7

Inspectable Area: Unit Inspectable Item: Bathroom

Observed Deficiency: Plumbing - Clogged Drains Rating: Severe (automatically generates a Health and

Safety concern)Photo #2 U-93

Inspectable Area: Unit Inspectable Item: Lighting

Observed Deficiency: Missing/Inoperable

Rating: Minor
• Photo #3 U-107

Inspectable Area: Unit

Inspectable Item: Smoke Detector

Observed Deficiency: Missing/Inoperable Rating: Severe (automatically generates a Life

Threatening Health and Safety concern)

Photo #4 U-146

Inspectable Area: Unit Inspectable Item: Windows

Observed Deficiency (2): Cracked/Broken/Missing

Panes; Security Bars Prevent Egress

Rating: Severe (automatically generates a Health and Safety concern); Severe (automatically generates a Life

Threatening Health and Safety concern)



PASS out homework assignment #2

INSTRUCT participants to complete homework for the following class day

REVIEW homework with class the morning the homework is due (Refer to homework packet for answer key)